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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 41-43 are pending.

Claims 41 and 43 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,145. Without admitting to the propriety of the double patenting rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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